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In re application of:

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DISEASE DEPRESSANT GENES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.